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SUBJECT: ADMISSION OF CHILEAN REFUGEES

FOLLOWING IS EXCHANGE FROM STATE DEPARTMENT NOON PRESS
BRIEFING JUNE 13:

Q: HAVE YOU GOT ANYTHING REGARDING CHILEAN REFUGEES?

A: YOU PROBABLY HAVE SEEN REPORTS THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY
ROGERS AND GENERAL LEONARD CHAPMAN, COMMISSIONER OF THE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE, APPEARED BEFORE THE
SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION YESTERDAY.
MR. ROGERS INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THE STATE AND
JUSTICE DEPARTMENTS HAVE AGREED ON PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENT-
ING THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL FOR PAROLING INTO THE
UNITED STATES CHILEAN DETAINEES AND THEIR FAMILIES. I
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UNDERSTAND THESE MEASURES WOULD ALSO BE APPLICABLE TO

CHILEANS NOW LIVING TEMPORARILY IN PERU, BUT WILL FOCUS ON PERSONS, CHILEANS, CURRENTLY IN CUSTODY IN CHILE WHO BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR DEPORTATION UNDER A PROGRAM INSTITUTED BY THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT.

THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE HAS AGREED TO CONSIDER ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS THOSE CHILEAN REFUGEES AND DETAINEES FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. WE ARE WORKING OUT WITH INS SPECIFIC PROCEDURES AND GUIDANCE FOR OUR EMBASSIES IN SANTIAGO AND LIMA FOR IMPLEMENTATION.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THAT MEANS?

A: TELL THEM HOW TO CARRY OUT THE PROGRAM.

Q: WELL, WILL THEY CARRY IT OUT, FOR EXAMPLE, DIFFERENTLY THAN THE WAY THE VIET-NAM PROGRAM WAS CARRIED OUT? WILL IT BE ON A STRICT --

A: NO, IN THE VIET-NAM PROGRAM THERE WAS A BLANKET PAROLE AUTHORITY AND UNDER THIS PROGRAM IT'S A CASE BY CASE BASIS.

Q: WELL, HOW MANY CASES DO YOU ANTICIPATE APPROVING?

A: IT'S HARD TO PREDICT THAT.

Q: DO YOU BELIEVE IT IN YOUR OWN MINDS HOW MANY CHILEANS YOU WOULD EXPECT TO BRING HERE?

A: THERE'S NO PRECONCEIVED CEILING OR FIGURE. DEPENDS HOW MANY PEOPLE APPLY.

Q: WILL POLITICAL DISSIDENTS BE GIVEN SOME SORT OF PRIORITY?

A: I DON'T THINK SOME PEOPLE ARE GOING TO HAVE MORE PRIORITY THAN OTHERS. AS WE'VE SAID, THOSE WHO ARE PRESENTLY BEING DETAINED IN CHILE AND WHO ARE ELIGIBLE UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR DEPORTATION UNDER THE PROGRAM INSTITUTED BY THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE ELIGIBLE. WE THINK THESE PLANS THAT WE'VE NOW WORKED OUT ARE SOUND AND REALISTIC AND WE THINK THEY CAN BE PUT INTO OPERATION WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. KISSINGER

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